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SUBJECT: 26 TH WHA: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP

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1. DCM CALLED ON FONOFF UN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRGEN KAGEI APRIL 20 TO INQUIRE, PER REFTEL, WHETHER GOJ WILL JOIN ROK, UK AND US IN LOBBYING FOR POSTPONEMENT NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION. IN DOING SO, DCM RECALLED ASSISTANT SECRETARY DE PALMA'S CONVERSATION WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY DCM YAMAZAKI, APRIL 13 ( REF B), NOTING THAT DE PALMA HAD STRESSED THAT JAPANESE LOBBYING EFFORT WOULD MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION AND EXPRESSED HOPE JAPANESE REPS COULD BE INSTRUCTED TO CONCERT THEIR ACTIVITY WITH US, ROK AND OTHERS.

2. KAGEI RESPONDED THAT DECISION NOW BEFORE FORMIN OHIRA. HE STATED THAT UN AFFAIRS BUREAU HAD RECOMMENDED TO FORMIN THAT GOJ MUST SUPPORT POSITION OF ROK. QUESTION, THEREFORE, IS HOW BEST TO ACCOMPLISH THIS PURPOSE. GOJ, OF COURSE, WILL VOTE FOR POST-PONEMENT BUT ISSUE PLACED BEFORE OHIRA WAS WHETHER GOJ ALSO SHOULD CO- SPONSOR RESOLUTION FOR POSTPONEMENT. KAGEI EXPLAINED THAT UN AFFAIRS BUREAU HAD POINTED OUT TO FORMIN THAT IF GOJ DOES NOT JOIN USG AND OTHERS IN CO- SPONSORING RESOLUTION, ITS SUPPORT WOULD  
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BE REGARDED AS HALF- HEARTED BY ROK AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA; NOR WOULD THIS WIN ANY POINTS WITH NORTH KOREA. ALTHOUGH KAGEI DID NOT SO STATE EXPLICITLY, IT CLEAR THAT HIS RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN TO CO- SPONSOR.

3. KAGEI PROFOESSED TO BE UNCERTAIN AS TO WHAT DECISION FORMIN FINALLY WOULD REACH. HE POINTED OUT THAT OHIRA HAS BEEN QUESTIONED REPEATEDLY ON THIS ISSUE BY OPPOSITION IN DIET AND THAT MATTER HAS CERTAIN DOMESTIC PLITICAL SENSITIVITY. IN ADDITION, KAGEI NOTED, PROBLEM COMPLICATED BY VIRTUAL CERTAINTY THAT EAST GERMANY WILL BE ADMITTED TO WHO. KAGEI SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO FORMIN IN REACHING DECISION IF IT WERE CONFIRMED THAT UK INTENDS TO CO- SPONSOR. IN THIS CONNECTION, KAGEI STATED THAT ACCORDING TO REPORT RECEIVED FROM JUN APRIL 19, UK UNWILLING TO CO- SPONSOR ALONE WITH US. KAGEI HAS INTERPRETED THIS TO MEAN THAT UK WOULD NOT CO- SPONSOR UNLESS JAPAN JOINED WITH US. DCM OFFERED TO TRY TO CONFIRM SOONEST UK POSITION.

4. IN RESPONSE TO DCM' S QUESTION, KAGEI SAID THAT IT PROBABLY EASIER FOR GOJ TO REACH DECISION TO LOBBY FOR POSTPONEMENT RESOLUTION THAN ON QUESTION OF CO- SPONSORSHIP, ALTHOUGH THIS APPARENTLY NOT ISSUE NOW BEFORE OHIRA. KAGEI IMPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT UNLESS GOJ WILLING BITE BULLET ON CO- SPONSORSHIP, ITS LOBBYING EFFORTS WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCREET, ALTHOUGH EVEN UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES GOJ COULD MAKE CLEAR ITS STRONG SUPPORT FOR POSTPONEMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IF IT POSSIBLE TO CONFIRM THAT UK WILLING CO- SPONSOR POSTPONEMENT RESOLUTION, IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION SOONEST. IF AMBASSADOR ABLE TO PASS ON SUCH INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO FORMIN OHIRA BEFORE HE REACHES DECISION, IT MIGHT WELL TURN TRICK IN FAVOR OF CO- SPONSORSHIP. FYI. ALTHOUGH KAGEI DID NOT PLACE ANY RESTRICTION ON INFORMATION CONVEYED TO DCM, EMBASSY URGES THAT WE HANDLE OUR KNOWLEDGE OF RECOMMENDATION NOW BEFORE OHIRA WITH DISCRETION. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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